

Claims: The following is a listing of all claims in the application with their status and the full text of all active claims:

1.-16. (Previously Canceled)

17. (Canceled): ~~A device for converting images recorded on film into an electronic format comprising: a platform supporting film reels; and a scanning module comprising an illuminating subassembly, a film guide subassembly, and an imaging subassembly; said illumination subassembly including a lamp; said film guide subassembly including a guide having an aperture over which said film passes, said aperture being illuminated by said illumination subassembly; said imaging subassembly including a photosensitive detector that receives light that passes through said aperture and said film and outputs an electrical signal, wherein said scanning module is separate from said platform~~

18. (Currently amended): A device for converting images recorded on film into an electronic format comprising: a platform supporting film reels; and a scanning module comprising an illuminating subassembly, a film guide subassembly, and an imaging subassembly; said illumination subassembly including a lamp; said film guide subassembly including a guide having an aperture over which said film passes, said aperture being illuminated by said illumination subassembly; said imaging subassembly including a photosensitive detector that receives light that passes through said aperture and said film and outputs an electrical signal, wherein said scanning module is separate from said platform and ~~The device of claim 17, wherein said scanning module comprises low thermal expansion material.~~

19. (Currently amended): A device for converting images recorded on film into an electronic

format comprising: a platform supporting film reels; and a scanning module comprising an illuminating subassembly, a film guide subassembly, and an imaging subassembly; said illumination subassembly including a lamp; said film guide subassembly including a guide having an aperture over which said film passes, said aperture being illuminated by said illumination subassembly; said imaging subassembly including a photosensitive detector that receives light that passes through said aperture and said film and outputs an electrical signal, wherein said scanning module is separate from said platform and The device of claim 17, wherein said platform comprises a plate of material having a larger thermal expansion coefficient than said low thermal expansion material comprising said scanning module.

20. (Original) The device of claim 18, wherein said scanning module comprises invar.

21. (Currently amended): A device for converting images recorded on film into an electronic format comprising: a platform supporting film reels; and a scanning module comprising an illuminating subassembly, a film guide subassembly, and an imaging subassembly; said illumination subassembly including a lamp; said film guide subassembly including a guide having an aperture over which said film passes, said aperture being illuminated by said illumination subassembly; said imaging subassembly including a photosensitive detector that receives light that passes through said aperture and said film and outputs an electrical signal, wherein said scanning module is separate from said platform and ~~The device of claim 17,~~ further comprising a supply spool, a take-up spool, and film guide rollers mounted on said platform.

22. (Currently amended): A device for converting images recorded on film into an electronic format comprising: a platform supporting film reels; and a scanning module comprising an

illuminating subassembly, a film guide subassembly, and an imaging subassembly; said illumination subassembly including a lamp; said film guide subassembly including a guide having an aperture over which said film passes, said aperture being illuminated by said illumination subassembly; said imaging subassembly including a photosensitive detector that receives light that passes through said aperture and said film and outputs an electrical signal, wherein said scanning module is separate from said platform and ~~The device of claim 17,~~ further comprising film guide rollers mounted on said scanning module.

23. (Original) A device having a scanning module in which light producing components and a detector for converting an image recorded on a film into electronic data are substantially sealed in a region remote from said film, said device including: a modular enclosure resealable against dust and against particulate matter from said film; a first and second glass window in said enclosure resealable against dust and against particulate matter from said film; a lamp housed within said modular enclosure; a film guide mounted to an outside surface of said enclosure between said first and second windows, said film guide having an aperture therein; and a photosensitive detector mounted within said enclosure at a location wherein light from said lamp passes through said aperture in said film guide and to said photosensitive detector.

24. (Original) The device of claim 23, wherein said modular enclosure includes a resealable access port proximal to said lamp.

25. (Original) The device of claim 23, wherein said modular enclosure comprises electrically conducting material.

26. (Original) The device of claim 23, wherein said modular enclosure comprises thermally conducting material.

27. (Original) The device of claim 23, wherein said electrically conducting material comprises material selected from the group consisting aluminum and aluminum alloys.

28. (Original) The device of claim 23, wherein said first and second windows comprise removable windows.

29. – 37. (Previously Canceled).